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OPC VALENTINES OF 1957



Newark News

Guests of the Club at a February 14 luncheon were Governor and Mrs. Robert B. Meyer, of New Jersey, just returned from their honeymoon in the Caribbean. Their appearance was a proper blend of posies and politics.

Club Calendar

Tues., Feb. 19 — Regional Dinner: *Belgium*. Featuring Belgian Congo. Reception, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$3.50. (Subscription Series No. 3 valid.)

Mon., Feb. 25 — Opening of exhibit of portraits of prominent statesmen and entertainment figures by Honor Earl, British portrait painter, niece of novelist Somerset Maugham. Cocktails, 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 25 — Second OPC Forum, "Responsibility in Communications," subject: "Reporting On China." William Worthy, recently returned from Red China, with a panel of editors and writers. Discussion, 8:15 p.m. (reservations available now, member and one guest). Dinner, 7:15 p.m. (reservations necessary).

Tues., Feb. 26 — Open House — Harry Hershfield, journalist, cartoonist and humorist, talks about his career, "Reactions in General." Followed by exclusive preview of NBC's new color film, "Maurice Chevalier's Paris." Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner.

Thurs., Feb. 28 — Press Conference — Kurt Kiesinger, chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, Bundestag, West German Republic. 3:00 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 28 — Book Evening — *Bridge at Andau* by James Michener. 8:30 p.m.

One-Third Capacity Booked For Dinner

More than one-third the capacity of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel's Grand Ballroom has already been reserved by members and guests for the eighteenth Annual Awards Dinner of the Overseas Press Club, it was reported this week.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry!" is the urgent message to members who have not acknowledged invitations, from *Norwood F. Allman*, chairman of the sub-committee on invitations and seating.

Response to the initial mailing of notices to the dinner and dance, which will take place on Monday, May 6, has surpassed all previous reservations at this time, Allman says.

"We sincerely want to avoid disappointing any member of the Club," Allman said, "and those who want to attend — and enjoy up-front accommodations — are urged to send in their reservations and checks at once."

First Come, First Served

All seating arrangements, he emphasizes are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Single reservations calling for assignment of a full table (others to come, etc.) cannot be honored unless a check for all guests accompanies request, the sub-committee reminds all members.

A member and one guest may attend the OPC's Annual Dinner Dance for \$12.50 each. Tickets for all others cost \$20.

Table Groupings

For members not wishing to reserve an entire table, requests for table grouping with other guests should be submitted to the invitations and seating sub-committee in writing not later than April 15.

The perhaps unprecedented response to the basic invitation mailing supports a prediction made by the Annual Dinner steering committee that reservations for the May 6 Dinner "will be sold out by the end of February."

The general mailing was made to members, contributors to the Correspondents Fund and other friends of the Overseas Press Club.

LOOK EDITOR CALLS FOR VISA HEARING

by Joan Seaver

"The question of a reporter's right to travel," Gardner Cowles said recently, "involves important aspects of freedom of the press, and the sooner it is fully tested in open hearing the better."

By last week, Cowles, president and editor of *Look* magazine, had almost unanimous support in challenging the U.S. State Department's right to keep U.S. newsmen out of Red China.

Two *Look* men, reporter Edmund Stevens and photographer Philip Harrington, and William Worthy of the Baltimore *Afro-American* entered China late in December in defiance of State's refusal to grant them visas. State promptly said their passports would be invalidated, except for the trip home, and threatened punishment under the Trading with the Enemy Act.

At his news conference, Secretary of State Dulles recapitulated his original reasons for saying no to such trips; since the U.S. does not recognize the Red regime and since China still held ten Americans in prison, the U.S. could not guarantee protection to correspondents who entered China. But he surprised reporters by disclosing that the Communists had implied "they want American correspondents to come . . . and will hold Americans in jail until we allow them to come."

William Worthy, who will participate in the OPC's second "Responsibility in Communications" forum on Feb. 25, refused to surrender his passport to U.S. officials in Budapest and demanded a hearing. "I hope our cases will end . . . every encroachment on the right of Americans to travel where they want," he wrote in a copyrighted series for the *New York Post*.

A phone call to Cowles' office on Feb. 13 revealed that no action had yet been taken against Stevens and Harrington. Nor was it announced whether *Look* would get the open hearing it demanded.

CLUB CLOSED FRIDAY

The Overseas Press Club building will be closed Friday, Feb. 22, George Washington's Birthday.

PEOPLE & PLACES...

James Winchester, King Features and *N.Y. Sunday Mirror* magazine, has returned from Ireland where he did a twelve part series on current I.R.A. uprisings... *Joe Quinn*, president of Los Angeles Press Club, elected president of City News Service, succeeding Fletcher Bowron, recently elected a Superior Court judge; Quinn tours Army camps in Europe this Spring... *Roland Gammon*, currently lecturing on West Coast, wrote and arranged the "Salute to Cuba" program which climaxed the *Steve Allen "Tonight"* show on NBC-TV... *Henry LaCossitt* became a grandfather.

Dick Hudson, editor of *Picture News*, was panelist on WEVD's "World Affairs Forum" discussing "The New Drive for European Unity".... Founder Member *Norbert Lyons* and his wife are wintering in Coral Gables, Fla. (384 Minorca Ave.); she recently retired from N.Y.U. where she was Curator of the Hall of Fame for thirty years... *Betty Reef* spent a week in Washington where she researched an article on State Dep't. diplomatic service... *Graciella Levi Castillo* covered the Inauguration in Washington for her readers in Ecuador... *Christine Hotchkiss*, *Reader's Digest*, off to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria and Paris.

Roy Pinkerton, editorial director of John P. Scripps newspapers, leaving San Francisco Feb. 22 with thirty newspapermen for tour of Far East, Southwest Asia and Middle East... Lt. Col. *Harry D. Kight*, deputy and chief of Army Public Information Div. in Washington for three years, en route to Japan to be PIO for Army Forces Far East and Eighth Army at Camp Zama, south of Tokyo... *Ralph Major, Jr.*, PR Dir. at BBD & O, spoke before Minneapolis Advertising Club and Minnesota chapter of PR Society of America... *Stella Margold* addressed the Rotary Club of Schenectady Feb. 7 on "Poland in Transition".... *Rembert James*, military editor of Copley News Service, back in U.S. from two-month trip to Europe and Middle East.

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Dorothy Omansky

REGIONAL DINNERS

Kurt Lassen has been appointed a member of the committee.

Joseph C. Peters, Chairman

Free copies of *Sparks into the U.S.S.R.*, the recent publication of the American Committee for Liberation, which describes the work of Radio Liberation, are available through *Spencer Williams*, American Committee for Liberation, 6 East 45th St., New York 17. Copies of the booklet are also in the OPC Library.

Worldwide Press Service moved to Executive House, 225 E. 46th St., after more than fifteen years at 101 Park Ave.; *Arthur Fletcher* is executive editor... *Norman Reader* addressed the Travel Writers Assn. at the OPC Feb. 4... *Sven-Erik Bergh*, president of Stockholm's *Sven-Erik Bergh's Forlag*, is in the U.S. (University Club) to meet authors in order to obtain rights for his Swedish publishing company... February issue of *Reader's Digest* carries *Leland Stowe's "Crusoe of Lonesome Lake,"* story of Canadian frontiersman's 43-year life in wilderness scheduled for March publication by Random... *Bradley Smith* is back in the Caribbean... Past President, *J. Clifford Stark*, has joined Security Assn., Inc., a St. Petersburg, Fla., investment firm... *William P. Gray*, president of the OPC from 1953 to 1955, recently suffered the loss of his father.

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OPC MILESTONES

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. John Mulliken (he's *Life* correspondent in Bonn), a second daughter, Cynthia Drew, on Jan. 27.

BORN: To *Patricia* and *Dickson J. Hartwell* (she's director, UNICEF Public Information; he's vice-president, Robinson-Hannagan Assoc., Inc.), a son, Ware Blocker, Feb. 8.

DIED: Charles W. Dunkley, AP sports writer for thirty-six years, on Feb. 6 in Miami. He was sixty-nine years old.

"WELCOME HOME" FOR CLARE BOOTH LUCE

An official welcome to the Overseas Press Club Memorial Press Center -- and a sincere "welcome home" as well -- will be extended *Clare Booth Luce* on March 26 at cocktails and dinner.

The former U.S. Ambassador to Italy was instrumental, as treasurer of the Memorial Press Center, in helping solicit funds which resulted in the purchase and renovation of the Club's present quarters.

Mrs. Luce received a golden life membership card from the Overseas Press Club shortly before her departure to take over the Ambassadorial duties in Rome.

FRANK AWARDED ROA CITATION

Free-lance writer *Pat Frank* received the Distinguished Service Citation from the Reserve Officers' Assn. Feb. 2 in Washington.

The award was in recognition of Frank's novel, *Forbidden Area*.

In the thirty-five year history of the Association, this is the first such award to an author. Previously the annual award had gone to military men and statesmen.

HARTMAN IN BUDAPEST

Carl Hartman, who went to Vienna from Paris at the time of the Hungarian revolt, has been appointed AP correspondent at Budapest.

He succeeds Endre Marton who is now in Vienna.

Hartman has been with the AP since 1944, most of the time in Europe.

DATELINE WASHINGTON

Television and radio newsman *Edward R. Murrow*, CBS, received the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award for his "See It Now" series which highlighted many Navy activities and installations. Secretary of the Navy Thomas made the presentation at the Pentagon.

Ruth Cowan's husband, Bradley Nash, was recently appointed Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce. She is a former AP foreign correspondent.

Ben J. Grant, assistant editor of *U.S. News and World Report*, was inducted into office as president of the National Press Club by Chief Justice of U.S. Supreme Court Earl Warren Feb. 2. Among the crowd of newsmen and guests attending annual inauguration and ball were U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senator John Sparkman of Alabama.

Sheikh Abdullah Balkhair, director general of Press, Broadcasting and Publications for Saudi Arabia and secretary to King Saud and other members of the King's entourage were guests of honor at a tea given Feb. 2 by the Women's National Press Club.

Behind the Scenes: TILLY READING

Picture and Story by Bruce Lee

Her full name is Matilda Winifred Reading, but to the 1,700 members of the OPC she's known fondly as Tilly.

The frenzy of her job - answering phone calls, taking reservations, sorting and checking the mail, stripping the three wire service teletypes, and keeping running credit lists for the cashier - is relieved by her mischievous smile and ready humor. During one of the slow periods, Tilly answered the phone 11 times in fifteen minutes, took two personal messages from members at the desk, paged two people via the intercom and gave advice to some members of the staff.

Her previous jobs were wonderful training for her present duties.

Tilly started out as cook's helper, went into the insurance field as a clerk - "It was pretty dull so I quit" - and landed as a civilian storekeeper in the Navy yard at Bayonne where she drove a lift truck.

After that, she switched to the Texas Company where she worked in the credit department, then to St. Anne's girls camp in New Hampshire where she served as camp cook, and eventually ended up as a cook in Rockport, Mass.

But the desire to live at home was too great and Tilly returned to her native New York to take up residence

FIRST "EXCLUSIVE!" FILM SCREENED BY PRESS FEB. 11



Left to right: Gene Feldman, story editor for Derel Productions which is producing EX-CLUSIVE!, the new ABC Film Syndication series, chats with three members of the OPC, Pierre Huss, Lawrence Blochman and Helen Zotos whose stories have recently been filmed for EXCLUSIVE! at a special showing for the trade and press at the OPC, Feb. 11. The first film, "The Man Who Changed His Face," by Bob Considine was screened for members of the press under the auspices of George T. Shupert, president of ABC Film Syndication, and Wayne Richardson, OPC president.



TILLY READING

with her sister Edna, in Stuyvesant town.

Even being home hasn't stilled her tremendous energy as she charges through the day's work from ten in the morning to seven in the evening.

"Oh yes, we have lots of problems but we try to keep them running smoothly." Two more phones rang, some one came into the Club looking for some information, - just a few more problems, - but Tilly turned and met them with a smile.

THE WORLD OF FOREIGN PRESS

A program to increase understanding among newsmen in the U.S., Great Britain and throughout the British Commonwealth has been announced by the International Press Institute.

The program calls for personnel exchanges of U.S. and foreign newsmen for three month periods. This year four fellowships are available for American journalists to visit Commonwealth areas. Regular salaries plus \$12-per-day per diem allowance is offered.

Paul Block, Jr., *Toledo Blade*, Toledo Ohio, has application forms.

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The *Japan Times*, according to the UP, claims U.S. newspapers don't inform readers on foreign news. "Big and fat as they are," the editorial says, "American newspapers carry only a smattering of news from abroad."

Foreign dispatches are usually given poor display, the editorial continues, and are ignored by the average reader.

"This would not matter greatly in a dictatorship where a country's policies are decided by its leaders," the editorial said. "It does become important in the U.S. which depends on an intelligent, well-informed public opinion for major decisions."

SAFFIR IN HONGKONG

Len Saffir, formerly with INS in Tokyo, cables from Hongkong that he is available to "cover proposed China visit." His address is "Miramar, Hongkong."

Freiheit und Weissbrot

REMINISCENCES OF NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING IN A PRISON CAMP

by Larry Phelan

For almost two years I worked behind what is now known as the Iron Curtain on an English language newspaper edited by Americans, published by Germans and printed by Poles.

Of its editorial staff which has since scattered to the four winds, one is editor of one of the midwest's most influential dailies, another is an associate editor of a leading weekly news magazine, and still another represents one of the wires in the Far East.

This multi-national paper was printed in the small town of Schubin, Poland, not far from Posnan, from 1943 to 1945 and its readers were American ground force officers imprisoned there by the German Wehrmacht.

Actually there were two papers in this small community located in an area where freedom of the press, then as now, could hardly be described as a byword. The first -- *The Oflag 64 Item* -- was a monthly tabloid of four to eight pages, devoted to news of the most esoteric variety, of interest only to inmates of the barbed wire city known as *Offizierlager Vier und Sechzig*.

The second and by far the most important to the mental well-being of our

readers was *The Oflag 64 Bulletin*. This was a two-page daily which carried the latest in war and international news as translated from German papers and broadcasts. To say that the *Bulletin's* news sources were necessarily slanted would be understating. The editorial staff, however, made an effort so to interpret the news as gathered from these highly biased origins as to present what it sincerely believed to be the true picture. This editorial crystal gazing was sometimes so far removed from the official communiques of what was laughingly called the "protecting power" as to bring down the wrath of the jailers on our corporate editorial heads, but never did they go so far as to suspend publication.

Before I illustrate with actual happenings, let me describe the format of the *Bulletin*. A copy, any copy, right now would be a collector's item, since there was but one a day and all of it was hand-lettered on a seven column sheet tacked daily on to the board which was our permanent front page. One officer, a draftsman in civilian life, was responsible for the page layout, the heads, and the meticulously lettered columns. Pictures were merely clipped from German publications, recaptioned and pasted in place.

Culinary Cheesecake

On Sundays there was an extra two-page photo supplement leaning heavily, during periods when our diet was supplemented by Red Cross parcels, toward cheesecake - culinary subjects - when we were subsisting on German beets and cabbage.

The flag of the *Bulletin*, done in tasteful Old English, was one of our favorite jokes of long standing on the protecting power. For the *Bulletin* had a slogan, all but hidden in scrolls and flourishes. The slogan was patterned after that of the *Volkischer Beobachter*, the official Nazi party organ, which claimed to be for "Freiheit und Brot" or "Freedom and Bread." We, who had been subsisting on small quantities of a rocklike pumpernickel liberally laced with sawdust, proclaimed ourselves for "Freiheit und Weissbrot" (white bread) -- two commodities which had been conspicuously lacking in our lives as unwilling guests of the Third Reich. The censor who daily read every inch of the *Bulletin* never caught it and we were able to enjoy it as a private family joke for almost two years.

As for the news itself, this much can be said for the Nazi variety: after sifting out the layers of propaganda, digging out page three stories and placing them in proper perspective on page one, and throwing out page one stories altogether, it was possible to come up with a fore-

shortened, truncated version of what actually was happening in the world outside. (I daresay inquiring minds behind the Iron Curtain are able to do just that today with *Pravda* and find themselves with some approximation of the truth.)

Invasion

The sixth of June, 1944, for example, went by with no outstanding news in the *Beobachter*. The seventh, too, had the mixture as before. But on the eighth of June, there was a box on page three headed in the most discreet possible type "Die Invasion Ist Gekommen." Although we had little more to go on than a brief story which hinted that the actual landings were minor, out came our carefully hoarded foot-deep one-word head "INVASION!!!"

And it was from that day forward that the editorial offices of the *Bulletin* and *Item* were besieged constantly by readers who wanted advance bulletins before we "went to press."

From here on in, too, it was possible to take the most evasive and blatantly slanted communiques (which were often the only day-to-day news of the war that *Beobachter* readers got), and by following a map, get a pretty good idea of how things were going on various fronts.

If, for example, the Russians were "repulsed with bloody losses at Pansk and Mansk" on one day, and on the next were still being repulsed with bloody losses at Minsk and Pinsk a hundred miles to the West, we simply said "Reds Advance 100 Miles on Whole Front" and got away with it.

Once, however, we went a little too far. A picture which allegedly showed Nazi soldiers "advancing" through devastated farm land somewhere in Russia had, as foreground interest, several pigs rooting through the rubble. This became "Swine Retreating on the Eastern Front." Our usually single-minded and unimaginative censor did not let this go by. With a scream of un-Teutonic anguish he dashed through the gates and into the headquarters building across the road.

Disciplinary Action

Minutes later our Senior American Officer, Colonel Paul Goode, was visited by a high-ranking delegation headed by the Camp Commandant. They came, I am convinced, with court-martial and eventual hanging in mind, but after a lengthy closed-door conference, they returned stiffly to their headquarters, leaving Colonel Goode to handle the disciplinary action. He handled it well and a chastened editorial staff went back to more factual reporting of the news.

The *Item*, though of less significance in our restricted lives, brought some

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measure of joy to its readers because it was the only printed periodical in English that we were allowed to receive, barring certain spasmodic propaganda material with which the Germans tried to convince us on the one hand that all Americans were hospital-bombing swine, and on the other, misguided but well-meaning people who should never have got mixed up with the British imperialists and the Russian atheists in the first place.

The *Item* was printed for us by one of our guards who happened to own the print shop in the nearby Polish town of Schubin. He did this not out of the goodness of his heart, but for good, hard cash. (It was hard cash to him, but to us it was a worthless batch of cigar store coupons which would buy nothing since there was nothing to buy. The money was no good on the outside, either, for the notes were especially printed as "pay" for POW's in lip service to the Geneva convention. Our guard, however, could convert it into Reichsmarks and did so with the permission of his superiors.)

A Plaything

The *Item*, therefore, was a plaything for those of us in the camp's communications business, and dealt mainly with the activities of prisoners within the camp -- our "Little Theater," library, church services, educational programs and the like, all conducted on sufferance from the Germans, with material aid supplied by the International YMCA. It also had cartoons, gossip columns, food columns and other more or less necessary appurtenances of a well-balanced paper.

Once the *Item* even ran a beauty contest -- with snapshots of wives and sweethearts of the inmates -- which caused more internecine strife than any other single source of friction in the camp.

Every man likes to think that his wife is the loveliest female on earth. Place him behind barbed wire in constant, close and irritating contact with several hundred of his fellow men; take away most of his comforts and luxuries and a good many of his necessities; relieve him of all contact with members of the opposite sex, and the little girl he left behind becomes a combination of beauty, wit and charm more fair than anything the ages have produced between the Trojan Helen and Marilyn of Beverley Hills.

As is customary with newspaper contests, none of the staff of the *Item* or the *Bulletin* was allowed to submit entries and it was they who acted as judges, secure in the knowledge that if their wives had been in the running, there would have been no contest.

A Happy Fella

When the results were published there was one supremely happy man in camp. An impartial board of judges had said

his wife was the fairest one of all. All the other mooning lovers who had submitted photos were furious, and none was more furious than the swain whose fiancee had taken second place. *Second place!*

There are those who today, at our infrequent reunions, give me a distant nod, because the winning girl (who happened to be a Powers model), was the wife of one of my close friends at Oflag 64.

Speaking of friends, I have none today closer than some of those whose acquaintance I first made in that drab, chilly community in the heart of always-occupied Poland, and these include the combined staffs of the *Oflag 64 Item* and *Bulletin*.

The editor was J. Frank Diggs, now associate editor of *U.S. News & World Report* and the proud owner of the only bound volume I know of of all issues of the *Item*. He carried it with him all through the "Death March" in the early winter months of 1945. But that's another story.

The man who conceived the idea which later became the *Item* and the *Bulletin* is Larry Allen, now roaming the Far East for the Associated Press. His work on the papers was brief since, as a non-combatant, he was repatriated shortly after publication was started.

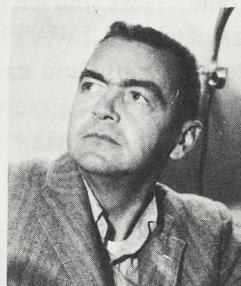
A late-comer to the staff who, as foreign correspondent for the *Atlanta Journal*, was captured after D-Day and joined us in mid-1944, was Wright Bryan, now editor of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The staff, as I say, is scattered and the others will forgive my not mentioning them by name. But all of them should be able to contribute further reminiscences of two papers which are unique, I believe, in the annals of American journalism.

Larry Phelan is at present with the John Morrissey Gray Company, public relations consultants, as executive assistant to the president.

He served during World War II with the First Infantry Division in the North African and Sicilian campaigns. He was taken prisoner shortly after the invasion of Sicily and was awarded the Silver Star and a battlefield promotion. When these awards were made, he was already a POW in Poland, getting background for his "Reminiscences."

He served with the Army again in Japan and Korea from 1950 to 1953 when he was a regular contributor to Stars and Stripes and a correspondent at the truce talks.



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ALPHAND POINTS CAUTIOUS FINGER AT FRENCH HOT SPOT

OPC Vice President Cecil Brown looks on as Herve Alphand, French Ambassador to the United States, points out Algeria on the globe to Vice President Lawrence Blochman, Vice President Ansel Talbert, Treasurer Wilfred May and Roger Vaurs, Director of Press and Information Service in the U.S. for the French Government. The men were gathered in the OPC Memorial Library before attending a luncheon in honor of Alphand on Feb. 7.

BRITISH JOURNALISTS OFFERED GRANTS

The English-Speaking Union has offered four travel grants to the U.S. to British journalists, Roger Hawthorne, executive assistant to the president of the Union reports.

The grants include trans-Atlantic passage and \$15 per diem allowance for ten weeks, plus the cost of travel while in the U.S.

IFFJ - OPC HOLD SECOND PANEL

The International Federation of Free Journalists and the OPC jointly sponsored the second annual panel discussion on current events behind the Iron Curtain Jan. 29.

The panelists heard by an overflow crowd of 160 in the Club dining room, were William R. Frye, Thomas P. Whitney and William L. Laurence on the American side; and Boleslaw Wierzbianski, Ivo Duchacek, and Gyula Dessewffy on the East European side. George Hamilton Combs was moderator.

IPI SEMINAR MEMBERS GUESTS OF THE OPC.

Members of the International Press Institute Seminar, including leading editors from sixteen countries, were recent guests of the OPC. The group included Rupert J. Williams, Australia; Brian A. Tobin, Canada; Arvo Aari, Finland; Robert Villers, France; Heinz Koster, Germany; Prem Nath Bhatia, India; Ted R. Lurie, Israel; Sergio Telmon Italy; Yasuro Takeyama, Japan; Majid Nizami, Pakistan; Celso Cabrera,

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OSGOOD CARUTHERS, *New York Times*, Jan. '55 to present (Egypt & NY); Associated Press Nov. '45 to Jan. '55 (Europe, Middle East, & NY). Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Michael G. Crissan*.

EWALDO CASTRO, Associated Press, 1928 to date, presently Rio de Janeiro, also Peru, Cuba, Mexico and San Francisco. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Michael G. Crissan*.

FRANK M. GARCIA, *New York Times*, March '32 to present (Rio de Janeiro). Proposed by *Fred Strozier*; seconded by *Wayne Richardson*.

HARVEY HUDSON, Associated Press, 1948 to present Paris, June '35 to '48 Chicago. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Michael G. Crissan*.

LUIS LEON, Associated Press, July '27 to present (Lima); La Prensa, Mar. '19 to Aug. '19 (Lima); El Comercio, Sept. '19 to '40 (Lima). Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Charles Robbins*.

MARLIN LEVIN, ABC (Israel), Jerusalem Post, Oct. '47 to present; London Daily Mail, May '56 to present; Newark Jewish News, December '55 to present Jerusalem; United Press, July '48 to Sept. '50 (Jerusalem); Women's Wear Daily, Ass't Ed., Jan. '47 to Aug. '47 (NY); Radio Station WFIL, Oct. '46 to Jan. '47. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Charles Robbins*.

HARVEY ROSENHOUSE, Time, Inc. chief of Central American Bureau since Oct. '53, June '51 to Sept. '53 (Guatemala). Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Charles Robbins*.

MARVIN STONE, INS, Aug. '52 to date, Tokyo, Dec. '49 to June '51 Vienna, June '51 to Sept. '51 Frankfurt, Oct. '51 to Aug. '52 London. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Michael G. Crissan*.

ROBERT TUCKMAN, Associated Press, presently Chief of Bureau Cyprus & Israel, Feb. '40 to date, NY, Tokyo, Korea, Berlin, Frankfurt; Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Sept. '37 to May '39; Rutland Herald, May '39 to Feb. '40. Proposed by *Wayne Richardson*; seconded by *Michael G. Crissan*.

MARION WILHELM, stringer-Christian Science Monitor since Oct. '51, Chicago Tribune Jan '54, Newsweek, Jan. '52, Houston Chronicle Jan. '52 NBC, Jan. '54, London Daily Express Jan. '53, London Daily Mirror Dec. '52 to Dec. '53, NY Daily News Dec. '52 (All Mexico); Milwaukee Journal, Oct. '47 to Sept. '51; Chicago City News Bureau, June '47 to Oct. '47. Proposed by *Russell F. Anderson*; seconded by *Paul R. Miller, Jr.*

NEW MEMBERS

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership of the following candidates:

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Julius Golden, AP, Brazil
Sidney Gruson, New York Times, Poland
Walter Guzzardi, Jr., Time-Life, Rome
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Volney Hurd, Christian Science Monitor, Paris
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Ernest Leiser, CBS, Bonn
Louis Nevin, AP, Madrid
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Michael Rougier, Life, Germany
Tad Szulc, New York Times, Brazil
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... JUST A REMINDER

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Spencer C. Valmy, Chairman

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Air Force and myself, I want to thank you and the members of the OPC for the wonderful courtesy shown Lt. Col. Morris and the lead B-52 crew as your guests after their recent trip around the world.

It is always a great pleasure to work with you and the members of your committees.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Director Hugh A. Day
N.Y. Office of Information Services
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COUSINS SEES SCHWEITZER

On a recent trip through French Equatorial Africa, Norman Cousins carried President Eisenhower's birthday greetings to Dr. Albert Schweitzer and came back with another sample of the great man's humility.

Cousins, editor of *The Saturday Review*, reported that after Schweitzer had read the message, he said:

"If my dear mother would have known eighty two years ago that the President of the United States would send this to me, she would have fainted."

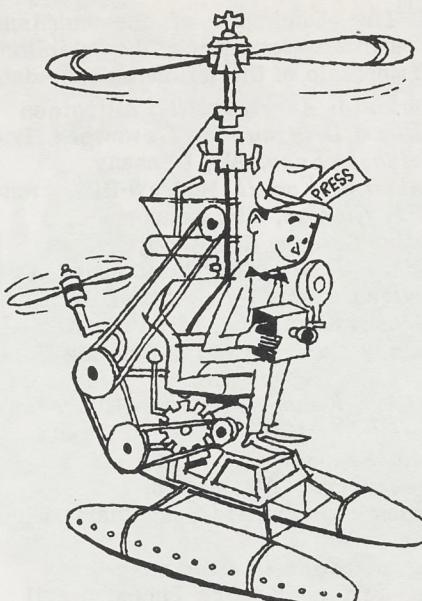
When Cousins mentioned the current film treatment of Schweitzer's life, he said wistfully: "I may be famous yet."

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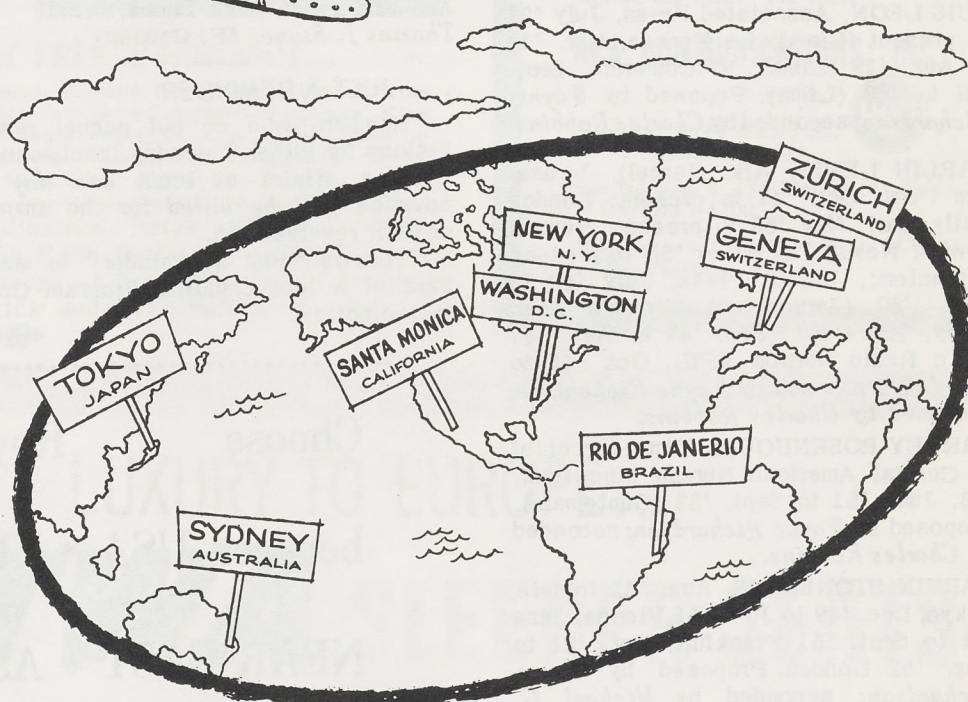
John J. Slocum, Washington OPCer, whose appointment by U.S. Dep't of State was reported last week in *The Bulletin*, is Coordinator of Public Affairs, Office of U.S. Commissioner General, for the Brussels World's Fair, 1958.

Madeline D. Ross was sworn in Jan. 31 as Assistant to the Coordinator.

Miss Ross arranged the first press conference on U.S. participation in the fair which was held at the OPC Jan. 25.



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